

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE LA CAÑADA FLINTRIDGE
CITY COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 2004 IN THE CITY
COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 1327 FOOTHILL BLVD., LA CAÑADA FLINTRIDGE,
CALIFORNIA**

1. Call to Order

Mayor Olhasso called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Councilmembers present were Gregory Brown, Stephen Del Guercio, David Spence, Anthony Portantino and Laura Olhasso.

Staff members present were City Manager Alexander; City Attorney Steres; Director of Community Development Stanley; Director of Public Works Castellanos; City Engineer Kwan; Senior Management Analyst Goytia Strauss; Management Analysts Adams, Meyer, and Wilson; Emergency Services Coordinator Pachon; Senior Accountant Bortfeld; Management Aide Christensen; Intern Alameda; and City Clerk Wahlsten.

3. Comments from the Public

There was no one present wishing to speak.

4. FY 2004-05 Preliminary Budget

Introduction

City Manager Alexander gave a Power Point presentation overview of the budget process and noted that staff had been directed to prepare two budgets, one with a zero percent increase over last year's approved reduction budget. He noted that property tax continues to be the highest source of revenue to the City. Projected General Fund revenues, including special fund reimbursements, are \$7,956,050. Projected expenditures are \$7,884,450. Funds available for allocation by the Council are \$71,600. There are about 30 Council consideration items totaling \$3,019,900. We are still in labor negotiations so any increased personnel costs are not included.

City Manager Alexander noted that the budget reflects \$200,000 for purchase of another shuttle bus using the Air Quality Management District funds. These funds must be used to reduce air pollution. The additional city-owned shuttle bus would reduce our lease payments to the City of Glendale for operating the system, and enable Glendale to free up one of their buses to use for a shuttle to the Gold Line and Old Town in Pasadena.

Council asked questions about various items including law enforcement funding and services; vector control and various locations of drainage problems in the City, including the

entrance to Hall-Beckley Canyon; sales tax from JPL's operations; business license enforcement; realtor sign regulations; and frequency of Music in the Park.

Council concurred that earthquake insurance for city facilities is probably not necessary. This would result in a \$23,000 savings and a decision will be made when Council Consideration Items are finalized.

City Manager Alexander reported that staff learned during the mid-year budget review that when the Glendale Court converted to a new computer system the traffic citation fines coded LAC were credited to La Crescenta, rather than La Cañada Flintridge. The Glendale Court is doing an audit to determine the amount we are owed. The 2004-05 budget reflects that estimated revenue.

In Recreation & Human Services, the remote switcher and strategic master plan are Council consideration items so they will be removed from the proposed budget at this time.

Mayor Pro Tem Portantino noted that he will not participate in any discussion of Memorial Park.

Council discussed award of \$160,000 from Supervisor Antonovich for Flint Canyon Trail and whether we have received that money. City Manager Alexander stated it may be on a reimbursement basis. Staff will verify that.

In discussing trails funding, Council noted that the Governor is proposing to cut funding for the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy. Council requested the Mayor write a letter to the Governor asking him to reconsider this proposal.

Adjournment

Mayor Olhasso adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m. and noted the next budget session is tomorrow at 8:30 a.m.

Marjorie K. Wahlsten, CMC
City Clerk

Minutes approved by the City Council on August 2, 2004